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SUBJECT: TURKISH STAMP DUTY WAIVER

REF: (A) GENEVA 871 (B) STATE 17171 (C) GENEVA 783

1. TURKEY JUSTIFIES STAMP DUTY IN BOP/179 AS FISCAL MEASURE
"BY NO MEANS" INTENDED TO CURB IMPORTS. TURKISH DEL WILL
PROBABLY USE SAME JUSTIFICATION IN REQUESTING WAIVER PER-
MITTING 25 PERCENT RATE.

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2. WHILE STAMP DUTY IS LESS BURDENSOME TO U.S. EXPORTS
THAN TURKISH QR'S, WE AGREE WITH MISSION THAT TURKEY
SHOULD REPLACE IT WITH VAT OR OTHER FISCAL DEVICE APPLICABLE
TO BOTH IMPORTS AND DOMESTIC PRODUCTION. U.S. REP SHOULD
URGE TURKS TO TAKE LONG-PROMISED STEPS IN THIS DIRECTION
SINCE LONG SUCCESSION OF WAIVERS DOES NOTHING TO ENHANCE

RESPECT FOR GATT BINDINGS. (INCORPORATION IN TURKISH
TARIFF RATES THROUGH ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS WOULD
LEGALIZE STAMP DUTY BUT WOULD ALSO RAISE MARGIN OF
PREFERENCE ENJOYED BY EC EXPORTS.)

3. U.S. REP MAY THEN AGREE TO ONE-YEAR WAIVER PERMITTING
STAMP DUTY RATE OF 25 PERCENT WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT ANY
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY STATEMENT OF
STEPS TAKEN OR PLANNED TOWARD ELIMINATION OF DUTY. IF
COMMITTEE CONSENSUS FAVORS TWO-YEAR EXTENSION, HOWEVER,
U.S. REP MAY CONCUR PROVIDED TURKEY IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT
REPORT AFTER ONE YEAR ON ITS ACTION/PLANS FOR DUTY
ELIMINATION. OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS SHOULD BE CARRIED
OVER FROM 1975 WAIVER. VANCE

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